(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT): (a) Sir, as per the provisional and unaudited accounts, cash and bank balance of BSNL is Rs. 36,392.42 crores and MTNL is Rs. 5078.59 crores totaling to Rs. 41,471.01 crores as on 30.9.2009.

(b) to (d) No, Sir. The proposal is in preliminary stage only and has not reached the stage for initiating the process of due diligence.

Indian telephone industry

770. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd. has decided to award the work for building a 25 million wireless lines to Indian Telephone Industries (ITI);

(b) whether presently the ITI has capacity to produce only about 10 million lines; and

(c) if so, whether Government would step in to help ITI to enhance its production capacity under a technical tie-up with overseas telecom hardware companies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) ITI has the installed capacity to produce 12 million lines in a year instead of 10 million lines.

(c) No, Sir. Government is not considering any such proposal.

Telecom services

771. SHRI ISHWAR SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the mobile services rendered by BSNL/MTNL to its subscribers are not satisfactory in comparison to private telecom players;

(b) if so, the facts and reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government has chalked out plans to improve the mobile services of BSNL/MTNL; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT): (a) and (b) Sir, as per the performance monitoring reports of Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) for the quarter ended June 2009, the Quality of Service of the mobile services provided by BSNL and MTNL is comparable to the quality of service provided by the private cellular mobile companies.